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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims 22 - 27 = 0 Extra Claims Fee (\$): 50 Fee Paid (\$): 0
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20
Indep. Claims 2 - 3 = 0 Extra Claims Fee (\$): 200 Fee Paid (\$): 0
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Applicants: Roger BLOT, et al.
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 21, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.